

CITY OF SALINA



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Water Warning Monthly News Release

	Mar 26 Weekly Avg	Apr 2 Weekly Avg	Apr 9 Weekly Avg	Apr 16 Weekly Avg	Apr 23 Weekly Avg	Apr 2007 Monthly Avg
High Temperature - F	68	51	53	73	74	64
Mentor Gauge – cfs (1)	122	115	89	127	70	105
Water Wells - MGD	1.9 (37%)	2.7 (52%)	1.9 (37%)	2.1 (36%)	1.9 (32%)	2.1 (39%)
River Water - MGD	3.3 (63%)	2.5 (48%)	3.2 (63%)	3.7 (64%)	4.0 (68%)	3.3 (61%)
Treated Water - MGD	5.2 (100%)	5.2 (100%)	5.1 (100%)	5.8 (100%)	5.9 (100%)	5.4 (100%)

(1) Smoky Hill River Recorded Mean River Flow

May Projections:

Temperature	Temperatures are expected to be normal to above normal.
Precipitation	Precipitation is expected to be normal.
Water Supply	60% demand from the river water and 40% demand from the water wells.

Water Wells

The current groundwater level is near an all time low. In 1989, the groundwater level was slightly lower than today. The current groundwater level is approximately 10 to 15 feet below the original groundwater level of when the fifteen wells were installed. The groundwater level reacts slowly to changes in rainfall. The well field continues to provide a reliable raw water supply for the City.

River Water

Kanopolis Lake is currently at Elevation 1465.62, which is 2.62 feet above the normal operating level of Elevation 1463.00.

The flow at the Mentor Gage on the Smoky Hill River has been near normal during the month of April.

The Water Warning will remain in effect until December 31, 2007